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great home-coming and it has been so successful that its continuance is greatly probable. We met and exchanged ideas, boosted the idea of doing something in the way of research, and we are sure that other chapters may find a similar course highly valuable. May the time come when we can have a great National "home-coming."

To date all meetings within our chapter have been business meetings in which the following things have been considered:

1. The formation of a new set of by-laws for the chapter.

2. The arrangement of a schedule of future meetings in which business and program meetings alternate.

3. The discussion of the proceedings of the National Council.

The outlook for the Alpha Chapter is the brightest ever. Our active men are engaged in original investigations and many of our associate members are among Indiana's prominent school men. Our most recent member is Mr. H. L. Smith who was recently elected to honorary membership. Mr. Smith is now assistant Superintendent of the Minneapolis, Minnesota, Schools.

## Minnesota

We have instituted this year at Minnesota what we call the "Book of Traditions." Whenever the chapter or any of its members expresses himself upon some general question of local or national importance the secretary of the chapter or the member, is asked to write a summary of his views in the book provided, and sign the article. As this book is preserved from year to year it will constitute an ever-accumulating store of Phi Delta Kappa opinions, policies and beliefs—traditions, if you will—which will be handed down from one generation of brothers to the next. It is hoped that this simple method of preserving in a permanent form a record of the stand taken by the chapter and its members upon general questions will help to bridge the gap between succeeding generations of students.

This brings up another question, one on which the policy of Minnesota Chapter has not been definitely settled for the year, namely what shall be the policy in regard to admitting juniors? We would like to bar juniors here at Minnesota if there were any way of holding the fraternity together from year to year and of having at hand men who are sufficiently familiar with Phi Delta Kappa ideals and practices to assume leadership of its affairs. As we see it now, we must admit enough juniors during the

first half of their junior year to provide leaders for the succeeding year. This number should be limited to two or three of the men highest in scholarship and character. Further, these men should be given every opportunity to become acquainted with the different aspects of the organization and its work, and with the fact that in all probability one of them will be selected to head the local chapter for the succeeding year. Then, the following spring, enough more men should be elected to furnish a working basis for the fraternity.

Although Minnesota has been unfortunate in the fact that she has lost a number of her foremost faculty members this year, she has cause to rejoice in the presence of such an actively enthusiastic supporter of Phi Delta Kappa as Dr. Lotus D. Coffman. Dr. Coffman, new dean of the college of Education, has a wealth of Phi Delta Kappa experience, dating from the time that he was instrumental in sending Dr. Jessup from Columbia to the amalgamation meeting in 1910. The brothers at Minnesota are not only attempting to justify the active interest which Dr. Coffman has shown in the local chapter, but we are heartily in sympathy with the reorganization which has been begun in our college, and are attempting to cooperate with the new administration.

**The Year's Undertakings In the  
Minnesota Chapter of Phi  
Delta Kappa.**

The first meeting of Phi Delta Kappa raised the question, What line of work shall be undertaken this winter at the meetings? To answer this a committee was appointed. Open discussions followed; each member emphasized the idea that whatever should be undertaken should be worth while from an educational stand-point.

The committee with the desires of the members in mind, proposed the following: (1) That a banquet shall be held while the Minnesota Educational Association is in session to which all the Phi Delta Kappa members in the active fields of education shall be invited and if it be possible secure Dr. Jessup to deliver the main address. (2) That each member shall be responsible for some phase of the discussions of the M. E. A. and to

report the same at the next regular meeting with criticisms. (3) Then there shall be assigned to each member a list of Educational Magazines and current books from which reviews shall be given from time to time, in this way it will be possible for all to keep in touch with the current literature and books. (4) That the graduate members shall give a series of reviews outlining the subject of their theses, the aims, the method of procedure, and in the concluding talk give some of the conclusions with the significant data. The faculty members are likewise asked to give reviews of some of their recent studies made in educational problems. With this array of material the committee rests, waiting to see how its ideas will work out in practice and in the meantime it hopes that the other Chapters of Phi Delta Kappa will be as bold and write up the ways by which they have made their meetings worth while. Can this not be a co-operative exchange?

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